2/27/84-CSB (Vol III)-770/M dated the 6th September, 1990 by the former Minister of Environment and Forests,

(b) whether legal opinion in the matter has been sought by Government, if so, details of the opinion, and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. According to the legal opinion obtained, the benefit of the judgements of the Supreme Court and Central Administrative Tribunal, Calcutta, Bench, should be given to the existing Scientific Assistants, and not to those who have already retired or been promoted and the pay scale of Rs. 550—900 (Pre-revised) allocated to the existing Scientific Assistants will be personal to them

(c) The Government have already issued necessary orders for allocation of pay scale of Rs. 550—900 Per-revised) to the existing Scientific Assistants

Memorandum from All India Postal Employees Union, Sundergarh Divisional Branch, Orissa

674. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether a Memorandum dated 10th September, 1990 has been received by him from All India Postal Employees' Union, Postmen, Group 'D' and EDAs, Sundergarh Divisional Branch, Rourkela, Orissa,

(b) if so, what are the details of the Memorandum, and

(c) the nature of concrete steps taken or proposed to be taken on each of the problems?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PRAKASH) (a) Does not seem to have been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Attacks on Hindu Temples in Pakistan

675. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a crowd, angry at the alleged desecration of a mosque in India, attacked Hindu temples and shops in the Pakistani city of Sukkur in November, 1990 and set fire to cars;

(b) whether any protest has been lodged with the Government of Pakistan in this regard,

(c) if so, what is Pakistan's response thereto, and

(d) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Government have seen media reports to this effect.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government are of the view that in terms of the Shimla Agreement neither India nor Pakistan should interfere in each other's internal affairs.

India's initiative on resolution of the Gulf Crisis

676 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative as a leading member of NAM to resolve the Gulf crisis; and

(b) if so, the details of efforts made and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India has been in constant touch with Yugoslavia the Current Chairman of the Non-aligned Movement as well as other members, with a view to finding a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis. It was on India's initiative that the Foreign Ministers of Yugoslavia, Algeria and India met in Belgrade to address the issue. Subsequently a Ministerial Meeting of the Non-aligned issued a statement in New York which gave a mandate to Yugoslavia, as Chairman, to seek a solution to the crisis by peaceful means. Efforts of the Movement are continueing.

National Pollution Control Plan

677. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought World Bank assistance for implementing its 'National Pollution Control Plan' to check pollution from heavily polluting industries, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) A project for industrial pollution control is being prepared Financing of a part of the project by the World Bank is under discussion.

(b) The broad outlines of the project are to provide for institutional development of the Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Boards of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu; provide loans to industries for abatement of pollution in eight sectors namely, paper and pulp, pesticides and insecticides, dyes, drugs and pharmaceuticals, fertilisers, sugar and distilleries, petrochemicals, leather & tanneries; and loans for setting up Common Effluent Treatment Plants for clusters of small scale industrial units.

D.T.C. Services in Delhi

678. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of DTC in Delhi have deteriorated this year as compared to those in 1988 and 1989,

(b) if so, the details thereof, Depotwise, alongwith the reasons therefor,

(c) whether it is a fact that the DTC services from Vasant Vihar have continuously been deteriorating since July, 1988,

(d) if so, the reasons therefor,

(e) whether it is a fact that many scheduled trips from Vasant Vihar have been abolished since July, 1988 and that the number of missing trips has increased considerably on those routes during the last few months,

(f) if so, the extent thereof and the reasons therefor, and

(g) what steps have been taken/ are being taken to solve the above problems and to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA) (a) and (b) There has been a reduction in the bus services during 1990 mainly due to the various agitations. The reduction in number of trips and the kilometres operated daily has affected the city fleet as a whole and almost all depots A comparative statement showing the performance of DTC for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto November, 1990) is attached at Annexure (*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 11)